IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GALLEON S.A.,

BACARDI-MARTINI U.S.A., INC., and BACARDI & COMPANY LIMITED,

Petitioners,

-against-

HAVANA CLUB HOLDING, S.A., dba HCH, S.A., and EMPRESA CUBANA EXPORTADORA: DE ALIMENTOS Y PRODUCTOS VARIOS, S.A., dba CUBAEXPORT,

Respondents.:

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Cancellation No. 24,108

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PETITIONERS' RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT CUBAEXPORT'S MOTION FOR AN ORDER (1) DISMISSING BACARDI'S AMENDED PETITION TO CANCEL;
(2) IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DIRECTING BACARDI TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ITS AMENDED PETITION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AND COMPELLING DISCLOSURE OF ALL EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS; AND (3) SUSPENDING ALL PROCEEDINGS PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS DISPOSITIVE MOTION

Cubaexport has filed a motion that is in all substantive respects the same as HCH's Motion Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act filed on September 10, 2002 and Motion for Reconsideration of the Board's Decision Dated January 21, 2003 filed on February 19, 2003. Indeed, Cubaexport's purported motion expressly incorporates HCH's papers *in toto* and appends the Declarations which were submitted with HCH's earlier motions. (*See* Respondent Cubaexport's Motion, Exhs. A and B.)

This is yet another instance of the deliberate stalling tactics employed by respondents to avoid having the Board reach this case on the merits. Accordingly, annexed

hereto as Exhibit A is Bacardi's original response to HCH's Sunshine Act motion filed on September 25, 2002. As the parties well know, HCH's motion was denied by the Board in its Order dated January 21, 2003 which is annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

Finally, we further note that the Board's most recent Order dated April 15, 2003, which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, recognizing OFAC's decision on Fish & Neave's application for a specific license to represent Cubaexport in this proceeding, did not encompass Cubaexport's filing the instant motion. That Order expressly allowed them to appear and respond to our summary judgment motion made on March 15, 2002. Accordingly, Cubaexport's instant motion, which is outside of the Board's Order, is entirely improper and should be stricken.

## III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Based on the foregoing, Cubaexport's motion should be stricken in its entirety.

Date: May 6, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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(B) Herbert F. Schwartz, Esq. of Fish & Neave, counsel for respondent Empresa

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Re:

Galleon, S.A. et al. v. Havana Club Holdings, S.A., et al.,

Cancellation No. 24,108

Dear Sir or Madam:

In connection with the above-captioned cancellation proceeding, we enclose PETITIONERS' RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT CUBAEXPORT'S MOTION FOR AN ORDER (1) DISMISSING BACARDI'S AMENDED PETITION TO CANCEL; (2) IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DIRECTING BACARDI TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ITS AMENDED PETITION SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AND COMPELLING DISCLOSURE OF ALL EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS; AND (3) SUSPENDING ALL PROCEEDINGS PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS DISPOSITIVE MOTION.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same by stamping and returning the enclosed selfaddressed postcard.

Sincerely,

**Enclosures**